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Digital Library
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning/proposing to set up National Digital Library under the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned under this Mission;
(c) the details of the target fixed under this Mission, State/UT-wise;
(d) the number of language would be available on the National Digital Library; and
(e) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) & (b) The Ministry of Human Resource Development under National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) initiated the National Digital Library (NDL) Pilot Project (NDL Phase-I) in April, 2015 with project cost of Rs. 39.8 Crores. The National Digital Library Project is coordinated by the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.
NDL Phase-I covers setting up 24X7 infrastructure, providing single-window search and browse facility for e-Learning resources to users, including e-Contents that are available in various institutions of the country by integrating Institutional Digital Repository (IDR) of respective institutions and registering users from Participating Institutions. The alpha version of the NDL Phase-I Portal has been made operational on February, 2016, which is available at https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in. Since it is a Digital Library, it is seamlessly available without any State/UT wise physical or accessibility constraint.
(c) National Digital Library is accessible to all students, teachers, researchers, Government Officials, Public Servants, etc. irrespective of their State/UT. Targets for NDL Phase-I are as follows:-
(i) No. of contents: 5 Lakhs
(ii) No. of Institutional Digital Repository for integration: 100
(iii) No. of Participating Institutions from which users are to be registered: 200
(d) National Digital Library currently hosts contents in 70 languages, both in Indian and Foreign. The user interface through which users can search/ browse contents is mostly English and also available in Hindi and Bengali at present.
(e) The implementation timeframe for NDL Phase-I is 3 year, from April, 2015 to March, 2018.
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